

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL |) | |
| TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL |) | |
| TREATMENT OF INFORMATION FILED IN |) | |
| SUPPORT OF ITS SPECIAL SERVICE |) | CASE NO. 91-195 |
| ARRANGEMENT CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN |) | |
| COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR AN ESSX |) | |
| FEATURE |) | |

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed May 23, 1991 pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of the cost support data filed in connection with a Special Service Arrangement Contract with Mountain Comprehensive Care for an ESSX feature on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause South Central Bell competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

South Central Bell seeks approval of its contract with Mountain Comprehensive Care for an ESSX Feature known as Automatic Route Selection-Deluxe. In support of its application, South Central Bell has submitted cost support data which it seeks to protect as confidential. The information sought to be protected is not known outside of South Central Bell and is known only to those employees of South Central Bell who have a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information. South Central

Bell seeks to preserve the confidentiality of the information through all appropriate means, including the maintenance of appropriate security at its offices.

807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, protects information as confidential when it is established that disclosure is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the party from whom the information was obtained. In order to satisfy this test, the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and a likelihood of substantial competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Competitive injury occurs when disclosure of the information gives competitors an unfair business advantage.

South Central Bell's competitors for ESSX service are providers of PBX equipment. Most PBX equipment provides some type of Automatic Route Selection. Disclosure of the cost support data sought to be protected would allow these competitors to determine South Central Bell's costs and contributions from the service. This information could be used by South Central Bell's competitors to market their competitive service to the detriment of South Central Bell. Therefore, the information should be protected as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the cost support data developed by South Central Bell in connection with a Special Service Arrangement Contract with Mountain Comprehensive Care for the provision of Automatic Route Selection-Deluxe, an ESSX Feature, which South Central Bell has petitioned be withheld from public disclosure,


shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of June, 1991.

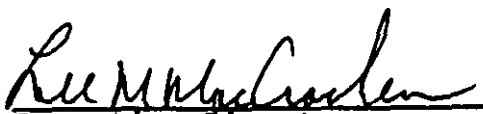
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ATTEST:


Executive Director